PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF WARWICK

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

APRIL 11, 2006 * 5:00 P.M. * WARWICK CITY HALL

PUBLIC HEARING

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PLAN

The City of Warwick will hold a public hearing to give interested citizens an opportunity to comment on its proposed Consolidated Community Development Plan for Fiscal Year 2006. The hearing will be held April 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. at Warwick City Hall Lower Level Conference Room. This location is handicapped accessible. For interpreter services for the hearing impaired or for non-English speakers, please notify the City Clerk at 738-2000 ext. 6212, seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing.

The Consolidated Community Development Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City to receive Community Development Block Grant Funds. For the fiscal year starting July 1, 2006, and running to June 30, 2007, Warwick expects to receive \$888,498 in CDBG funds. This money can be used for the following types of activities: Housing Rehabilitation, Public Works and Facilities, Economic Development, Social Services, Assistance to Non-Profit Organizations, Planning and Administration. The City expects that in excess of 70% of the funds will be expended on activities that benefit primarily low and moderate-income people.

The Consolidated Community Development Plan includes the following information:

- I. A description of the process by which the Plan was developed, including the organizations consulted during the planning process.
- II. A description of the process for citizen participation in the development of the Plan.
- III. Identification of the City's housing and community development needs, including the needs of low and moderate income people for housing assistance; the needs of the homeless and of sub-groups of the community (elderly, disabled and so on) with special needs for supportive housing; public housing needs; lead-based paint needs and non-housing community development needs. The Plan also discusses housing market conditions and resources available to assist those with special housing needs. Finally, the Plan notes impediments to affordable housing.
- IV. The City's Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development for the next five (5) years, including the resources available to address housing and community development needs and the City's housing and community development objectives in the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, other special needs and non-housing community development. This section also discusses the City's strategy for dealing with barriers to affordable housing and lead-based paint and its anti-poverty strategy. Finally, it describes the institutional structure for carrying out the strategy and means for coordinating among the various parties involved.
- V. The City's One-year Action Plan, including the proposed use of

CDBG funds. The following activities are proposed for funding:

1. Public Service Grant Awards

EBC House, Inc. - Art Therapy Program 12,100

Oakland Beach Boys & Girls Club Operations 14,100

The Kent Center - Victims of Trauma 18,600

House of Hope - H.O.P.E. Program 19,600

Cornerstone Adult Services - Activities Program 14,000

Rhode Island Family Shelter -Case Management

18,500

Westbay Community Action - Children's Center Case

Manager 10,300

Westbay Community Action - Social Services Case Manager

27,000

Westbay Community Action - Emergency Housing Assistance 4,700

JONAH- Human Service Program 6,500

Indigenous People Organization - Youth Program 5,600

Kent County Visiting Nurse Association - Care Program 11,200

Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center - Children's Advocacy

Center 2,800

2. Site/ Public Facility Improvement Grant Awards

A. Proposed Site/Public Facility Improvements

Westbay Community Action – Housing Project 35,000

Westbay Community Action - Home Repair Program 25,000

Kent House - Transitional Housing Renovation Program

20,000

Oakland Beach Boys & Girls Club – Building Improvement 5,498

Friends Way – New AC System 25,000

Rhode Island Family Shelter 28,000

East Natick–Neighborhood Improvements 100,000

3. Home Improvement Loan Program 200,000

4. Program Administration Expenses 285,000

5. Unexpended Prior Year Funds (estimated) 856,000

Complete copies of the proposed Consolidated Plan will be available for inspection starting on April 12, 2006 at the following locations: Community Development Office and Main Library, Sandy Lane.

Comments on the Plan may be made at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to Community Development, City Hall Annex, 3275 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886-7191, Attention: Kevin J. Sullivan. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 11, 2006 (30 days after the Plan is available).

For more information, contact Kevin J. Sullivan at 738-2000 ext. 6371.

Scott Avedisian, Mayor